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and Mary (Brooke) More, had a son named "Augustine," that More" in sight having a sister who possibly was the mother of Colonel Augustine Moore.

It has been presumed that Dr. Brock's mis-statement that Colonel Moore was a son of Basil More was correct, and, when it was found in a pedigree that this very Basil, son of Thomas settled it, and it was printed that this "Augustine" was our Colonel Moore. But if the truth is wanted, the said Basil's son, Augustine More, was born 11th August, 1676, was a woollen draper in London when he died, 15th, August, 1719. He had issue a son and a daughter, so he was not fit to have been our Augustine. When I take up Colonel Moore's paternal ancestry, I will tell some more of his alleged ancestry.

Ardmore, Montgomery County, Pa.

PUNISHMENT FOR DUELLING.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE,

March 31, 1803.

Pursuant to the Statute, entitled "A Statute for the wholesome government of the College," publication is hereby made, that the following Students, viz., William Chapman, James Breckenridge, James B. Gilmer, and Thomas Preston have been expelled from this College, on account of a late duel, in which the two first mentioned were concerned as principals, and the other two as seconds.

By order of the President and Professors.

Richmond *Examiner*, April 9, 1803.

LETTERS OF FRANCIS JERDONE.¹

VIRGINIA, 15th May, 1756.

Mess^{rs}. Alexander Speirs

& Hugh Brown, Merch^{ts} in Glasgow—

Gentⁿ.

I have lately received your favour of the 20th of January, in answer to which I shall give you as brief an Acc^t. of the present state of the Tobacco trade in the upper part of

¹ From his *Letter Book*, 1756-1763.

York river at this time as I can. It is now pretty certainly known that last year's crop throughout the Country does not exceed one-third part of a common one. The drowth prevail'd more on the head of York than any other place, which occasioned the tobacco to stand out later, thereby a great deal more of it suffer'd by the frost than it did anywhere else, so that you will readily conclude there is less tobacco at the upper warehouses on York, I mean Paumonky, than on James River or Rappahannock, but that is not the case; for the Planters who live in Goochland, Albemarle & Cumberland, who were accustomed to roll their Tobacco to Warwick, Rockyridge and Shockoes, and those who live in Augusta, Orange & Culpeper who rolled to Fredericksburg, have this year brought great part of their crops to Crutchfield & Pages, on expectation of a high cash market in Hanover; all these uncommon assistances have not raised the number to 1,500 hhgds at both these houses, where last year at this time there was near 4,000 hhds. The cash buyers have give 25s. per C., & for some which is esteemed better than common 26s. per C. for the Bristol & London markets; altho many Planters stand off & will not touch under 30s. per C., yet it is my real opinion Tobacco will not rise above the prices already given, as there are not more ships come into York river than will be loaded. The quality of tobacco this year is very thick & pretty well scented, but I am doubtfull it may not turn out very good when it gets home. The current price throughout the Country, (Hanover excepted) seems to be from 20s. to 24s. pd. per C., & had the same number of Ships come into the Country as usual, it would, without doubt, been much higher. It is very uncertain to say at this time how the present scarcity may affect the prices of the preceding crop, for which there was great preparations made in the winter, but at this time there is a very unexpected bauk put to these preparations, by draughting out half the militia of eleven Counties, viz.: Albemarle, Fairfax, Louisa, Orange, Frederick, King George, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Prince William & Stafford to succor Colonel Washington, who, last week, was close shut up at Winchester with about 50 men, about 75 miles

from Fredericksburg, by a body of French and Indians. I hear they are since retir'd back into the woods, & the communication between Winchester & Fort Cumberland, which is 80 miles farther back, again open'd, which has been cut off for three weeks before that, by a great body of French & Indians, chiefly reckon'd of the latter sort: this you may very justly think was very terrifying news to all, but more particularly to those who lived in the neighbourhood, as no doubt their numbers were greatly augmented by our fears & the many stories of their cruel and barbarous murders daily exercised on those who were so unfortunate as to fall into their merciless hands were current in everybody's mouth: these alarms have made many enlist themselves for the summer: & what will still lessen the numbers of Tobacco makers, this month every twentieth man is to be draughted out of every County in the Colony in order to build a Chain of forts along the frontiers, to defend our Country from the depredations of these merciless Savages, who spare neither man, woman nor child: To support all this great expense & keep in constant pay 1,500 or 2,000 Men on our frontiers, there has been in the compass of one year to this time acts of Assembly pass'd for £115,000 paper redeemable at certain times with interest on it, from the dates of the notes, Viz.: £20,000 the first commission, payable the last day of next month, £40,000 the 2nd commission, payable in July, 1760, & the last commission, £55,000, payable, I am inform'd, the same year, 1760, all of it raised by taxes on Land & negroes: these notes are very current & in good credit with us, none daring to refuse them, no part of the first emission is now to be seen, being kept up for the sake of the interest, the time of sinking it being so near at hand. It is very reasonable to think that these draughts from the militia, & the constant attendance at musters now once a week will proportionably lessen the present crop, especially on the upper parts. As you seem to intend a vessel into Virginia so early as December or January next, in which you propose to ship 200 or 250 hhds Hanover Tobacco, let me advise you not to have her so soon; if you intend her into York River, the middle of March or

beginning of April is time enough; for its a thing next to impossible to prevail on the planters to part with their tobacco even for ready cash, before the Bristol ships come in, the market being seldom set before May court; however, if you think proper to make triall of that Tobacco by me, the sooner I have your orders, the better, that I may endeavour to secure good crops: whatever orders you give I shall pointedly observe them. The present Exch^a throughout the country is 30 per cent; if a war, it will presently be higher: if a peace, probably lower. I imagine it may be some disadvantage to draw on Glasgow, if not payable in London. I shall observe your caution of secrecy in all your affairs, and ever am with real Esteem, Gentⁿ,
Y. M. H. S^{vt} F. J.

WILLIAMSBURG, 29th October, 1756.

Messrs. Samuel Rickards,
Israel Mauduit & Compy.

Gentⁿ. It is now some considerable time, since I received any of your favors. This is chiefly to acquaint you that the Attachments laid here on the effects of Buchanan & Hamilton, by Thomas Brookes of London, William Jordan of Virginia, Davd. Galloway of Ditto. & Adam Muir of Maryland were all a few days ago heard upon the bills & answers, before the Judges in Chancery of our General Court, & all determined in your favor; that laid by Adam Muir I agreed to pay while the matter was contesting in court, provided we should not be burthened with his expences of that suit as I was apprehensive the debt & costs would have gone against us, which was agreed to by Muir's Attorney; his demand was £14.1, which I shall pay before I leave this town. This day being in Court I was surprised to hear Mr. Jordan's attorney move for an appeal in his cause to the King & Councill; but it was rejected by the Court, as the Royal instructions of late to the Governor are not to grant any appeal under £500 sterl^s. However, you must be watchfull that he does not petition the King & Councill to have the affair moved home by a special order, as such things I am inform'd are often practised. There remains now no other

causes of that kind on our Chancery docket in which you are concern'd, excepting the suit brought by the representatives of Timson's heirs: I have been again applied to by William Mask for the payment of a hhd. tobacco ship'd by him on board the Hamilton Capt. Seton M^{ar} Anno 1750. It was mark'd WM. No. 3, be pleased to forward the sales of it to me, that I may pay him, otherwise he will run you to the expence of a law suit about it. I have at present in my hands about £200 of your money, but cannot procure a good bill for it at this dead season of the Year: Exchange is now got up to 35 per cent. & probably may rise higher: I shall embrace the first opportunity of remitting the money to you, in the meantime I am most respectfully—

Gent^a. Y. V. H. S^t.

per the *Appomattox* & the *Pelham* Cap^t. Yuillee.

LOUISA COUNTY, 10th December, 1756.

Mess^{rs}. Alex Speirs & Hugh Brown,

Merch^{ts} in Glasgow.

Gentlemen, Since my last to you, which was the 25th of October, I am favor'd with yours of Sept^r 16th: in which you repeat your orders to secure for you 200 hhds. of sweet scented leaf tobacco of the growth of this county and the upper part of Hanover above the Court house, which I make no doubt of complying with long before your snow arrives, if I was not at a loss in what sense to construe your letters, whether I am to conform myself to the postscript of your letter dated 15th of July, in which you say "don't engage at above 16s. 8d. per C., except from 50 to 70, if you can get that quantity in the Prince William," or whether I must give the current price, which is considerably above your limitation, being at this time 20s.; no doubt this price will surprise you, the more so as I advised you in my last, that I was of opinion it would not exceed 18s. The cause of the price breaking so high is truly this: the great prices render'd from London, Bristol and

Liverpool, & the great expectation that the first of this crop will go home to as good a market, as last year's, encourages many to buy on speculation, considering the difference in the freight, now £14 per ton, & the high charge of insurance, which will undoubtedly baulk them on their speculations: whether the present humour of giving 20s. per C. will hold throughout the market, it is impossible to foresee, but I have always observ'd that it seldom falls, what it breaks at, but frequently rises. However, as you have now order'd your new snow which is building Rob^t. Crawford Ma^r. in to me, I imagine that the 200 hhds. of Tobacco, must be provided for her which you order me to secure notwithstanding the price should be more than the limitation in the postscript of your letter above mentioned. I shall do my utmost to procure for you such tob^o. as you describe & shall consult your interest in drawing upon you, by keeping the bills back as long as possible: the present practice I believe is drawing at the instant the money is paid: if otherwise it must be done at a disadvantage of 2½ per cent. in the Exch^a. in taking up money at any of the General Courts which you know are in April & October, giving the bills at the Courts of Oyer & Terminer in June & December, & in that case there would only be two months gain'd, which is not equal to 2½ per cent. The quality of what tobacco has been pass'd at Crutchfields & Pages this inspection proves tolerably good, & middling weighty, being upon an average about 1,075: but I am fully convinced what will come in the Spring will be meaner in quality & much lighter, as the tobacco which was last housed turn'd very yellow in the field, occasion'd by a severe drought, as advised you in my last. Yet, for all that, it is the opinion of many the crop will be as large as any ever made heretofore. The additional inspection of 3s. 6 per hhd. continues untill the 20th of October, 1757. The present Exchange is about 35 per Cent: & little danger of its falling while the war continues. The season of the year affords no news worth writing to you from this country: As yet I have received no letters from the master of your snow, so that I am at a loss when to expect him; Your caution against

part stem u & light tobacco shall be duly observed by Gentⁿ.
Y. M. O. H. S^t.

per *the Endeavour* Cap^t. Younger for London & *the Bedford*
Cap^t. Brown for Glasgow.

LOUISA COUNTY IN VIRGINIA, *January 20th, 1759.*

Mr. Jacob Hewitt:

Sir. In October last I wrote to Mr. Thomas Flowerdewe for a few goods in your way, which I desired might be bought from you. As I am empowered by the vestry of the parish in which I live to send for some ornaments for the church I now apply to you for a new pulpit cloth & cushion, which must be made of good purple velvet, with a neat silk fringe round the cloth, & silk tassels to the cushion: The shape of the pulpit is 6 squares: each of which is two foot: 3 of which the pulpit cloth must cover & must be 4 foot deep: I earnestly entreat you to get it made in the best manner, & as soon as it is done carry it to Mr. Flowerdewe, who will pay you for it. If the other goods which I order'd Mr. Flowerdewe to apply to you for, are not gone at the time you receive this, you may add thereto 6 yds. pink English persian. Be pleased for the future to have all the clokes made with double capes, as they are more saleable than those with single ones: This part of the world at present affords no news worth writing to you, only that the French have lately abandon'd their fort Du Quesne, having demolished it, when the forces under General Forbes were within two days march of it to attack them in it; from that fort this Colony has suffer'd greatly, by the incursions made by them & their Indians; however we are now hopefull of living more peaceably for the future, as they have no fort within 300 miles of us: I shall at all times be glad to hear of your welfare & am with great Esteem for yourself & Family, Sir Y. M. O. S^t. F. J.

THE COLLEGE AFTER THE FIRE OF 1859.

(Extract from the Faculty minutes for November 22, 1859.)

The following paper, read by Professor Morrison before the Faculty of the college, was, with his permission, directed to be placed on record: